



### **Implementation of Emergency Order Deferring Landscape Requirements**

In response to the severe, ongoing drought in the central Texas region, Mayor DeOme has determined that decreasing water consumption by deferring the installation of required landscaping is essential to protect the region's drinking water supply. In layman's terms, this means that new development and construction projects will be allowed to postpone landscaping installation until the severity of the drought diminishes. In the meantime, the city will require stabilization of disturbed areas through other means in order to prevent erosion and silting. Information regarding acceptable alternatives will be available from the Building and Development Services Department. Approved materials may vary from site to site.

The city shall also cease issuing permits for the construction of swimming pools effective immediately. Staff will continue to review and approve plans for swimming pool construction, but permits will not be issued until the emergency order is lifted.

When the emergency order is lifted, those projects for which deferred installation has been required will be notified, and will be provided with a reasonable timeframe within which to complete landscaping installation.

Pursuant to the emergency order issued by Mayor DeOme on May 19, 2014, the following requirements established in the Lakeway Code of Ordinances shall be deferred as indicated.

#### **Section 24.02, Division 11, Landscaping Requirements (Residential)**

All requirements for installation of landscaping associated with residential construction are deferred. A certificate of occupancy will not be withheld, dependent upon approval of a compliant landscape plan for the property. Disturbed areas shall be stabilized through the use of erosion control devices and materials as specified by the Code Official.

#### **Section 28.09, Erosion and sedimentation controls and tree protection; Landscaping (Subdivision, site development, nonresidential, and multifamily)**

All requirements for installation of landscaping associated with subdivision and site development and with nonresidential and multifamily construction are deferred. A certificate of acceptance will not be withheld, dependent upon approval of a compliant landscape plan for the project. Disturbed areas shall be stabilized through the use of erosion control devices and materials as specified by the Code Official.